

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this Application. Claims 16-23 are newly added. Claims 1 and 6-13 were rejected. Claims 14-15 were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable. Claims 2-5 were objected to by the examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated by the Examiner to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitation of dependent claim 2 as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant has canceled claim 2. Claim 3 has been amended to depend directly from amended independent claim 1. Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the original base claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. The Applicant has added new dependent claims 16-23 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Newly added dependent claims 16-23 are fully supported by the specification and contains the limitations of amended claim 4 rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been added and all claim amendments and new claims are fully supported in the specification.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration, and wishes to cancel claim 2 without prejudice, and reserves the right to proceed with prosecution of claim 2 in a continuing application or other filing. The Applicant believes that all claims are now in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions for allowability and respectfully requests to proceed with the issuance of a patent on allowable claims 1, 3-15 and newly added claims 16-23.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Examiner is requested to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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